IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor:	STARR et al.	Examiner:	Rutao Wu
Application No.:	10/045,503	Art Unit:	3628
Filed:	November 7, 2001	Docket No.:	ARIBP051
Title:	METHOD FOR SELECTING AN OPTIMAL BALANCE BETWEEN DIRECT COST AND A NUMBER OF SUPPLIERS		

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL FILED WITH AMENDMENT E

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

    a. ☐   Previously submitted:

          ☐   Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____

          ☐   Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

          ☐   Other _____

    b. ☒   Enclosed:

          ☒   Amendment/Reply

          ☐   Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

          ☐   Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

          ☐   Other

c. Fee Calculation: The fee for excess claims, if applicable, has been calculated as shown below.

					Small Entity			Large Entity	
					Rate	Fee		Rate	Fee
RCE FILING FEE					x $405 = $		OR	x $810 = $	810.00
CLAIMS	After RCE	*HP	Extra						
Total	22	24			x $25 = $		OR	x $50 = $	
Independent	4	3			x $105 = $		OR	x $210 = $	
Multiple Dependent Claims			-0-		x $185 = $		OR	x $370 = $	
*HP = Highest previously paid					TOTAL FEES $			TOTAL FEES $	**810.00**

2. Miscellaneous:

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____months.

b ☐ Other _____

3. ☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time as follows:

	SMALL ENTITY			LARGE ENTITY	
	Rate	Add'l Fee		Rate	Add'l Fee
☐ Extension for Response within FIRST month	x $60 = $		OR	x $120 = $	
☐ Extension for Response within SECOND month	x $230 = $		OR	x $460 = $	
☐ Extension for Response within THIRD month	x $525 = $		OR	x $1050 = $	
☐ Extension for Response within FOURTH month	x $820 = $		OR	x $1640 = $	
☐ Extension for Response within FIFTH month	x $1115 = $		OR	x $2230 = $	

4. ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition that any additional required extension of time be granted.

5. ☒ Enclosed is our Check No. 4059 in the amount of $810.00 to cover the RCE Fee required under 37 CFR §1.17 (e), the additional claim fee, if any, and/or extension of time fees.

6. ☐ . Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0685 (ARIBP051) in the amount of $_____ to cover the RCE Fee required under 37 CFR §1.17 (e), the additional claim fee, if any, and/or extension of time fees.

7. ☒ If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required during the pendency of the subject application, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0685 (ARIBP051).

8. ☐ Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form.

9. ☒ Please continue to send correspondence to the following address:

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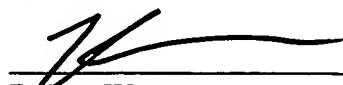
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